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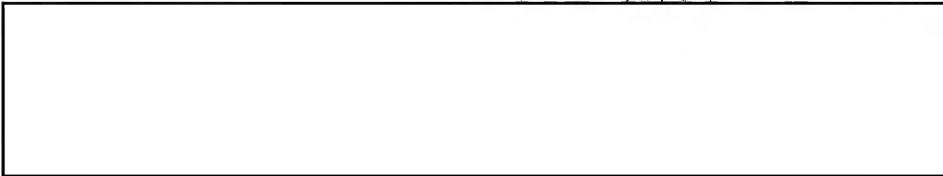
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Engineer Depot near Pisek.

1. Prior to 28 September 1950, an engineer depot, which had been completed and stocked in the summer of 1950, was located in the eastern portion of the woods north of Oldrichov (N 50/Q 69), about 4 km northwest of Pisek (N 50/Q 69). *
2. The area of the depot was estimated at about 400 x 700 meters. It was surrounded by a double barbed-wire fence, 2 meters high, which was lined by wire-roll entanglement. Paralleling the fence on the inside, a distance of about 2.5 meters from the fence, there was a belt of mines, which could be set off by touching trip wires. Entrances were on the east side and on the west side of the installation, with a searchlight at each entrance. The woods containing the depot was off limits to civilians. There were no air raid precautionary facilities. The material was stored in seven camouflaged brick buildings, each having 8 to 10 rooms. Concrete loading platforms, 120 cm (sic) ^(sic) ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~attached~~ ^{attached} ~~along~~ ^{along} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~drill~~ ^{drill} ~~ground~~ ^{ground} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~depot~~ ^{depot} ~~buildings~~ ^{buildings}. The storage buildings were estimated at 30 x 10 x 8 meters.
3. The depot was assigned to the engineer regiment in Pisek. It was commanded by Lieutenant Vaclav Skrivan who, during guard instruction, said that the depot contained stocks to be used only in case of mobilization. It allegedly was one of the largest engineer depots in Czechoslovakia. any of the stored material being used for training purposes. **
4. Materiel, which was stored there upon completion of the depot, included engineer explosives, mine cases and explosive charges for mines of various types, igniters, blasting caps, hand grenades of various types and small-arms ammunition. Most of the materiel arrived from the old depot on 50 to 100 trucks of the engineer regiment. In addition, two boxcars with explosives arrived at the Pisek railroad station.
5. The old depot, consisting of 2 brick buildings, 5 x 7 x 5 meters, and 5 or 6 small wooden sheds, was located in a patch of woods about 500 meters east of Oldrichov. were located between the old and the new depot, contained engineer equipment and practice mines. The drill ground of the Pisek military post was also

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located in that area.

Border Control in the Area West of Malacky.

6. The border zone west of Malacky (P 49/S 82) was about 4 km wide. Prior to September 1951, a PS unit of more than 50 men was quartered in three private houses on the east bank of the Morava River, southwest of Suchohrad (P 49/S 71). A detail of 10 to 15 men was stationed in the Zubek inn. A new troop billet was under construction northeast of Suchohrad. PS details of 2 men each without dogs patrolled the border.

* [] Comment. [] reported an engineer equipment depot for mobilization purposes to be located in Oldrichov and in nearby Purkratice. []

** [] Comment. A Senior Lieutenant Skrivan, (fnu), was DOZ officer with the 2d Engr Regt in Pisek in April 1950. []. He may be the officer mentioned in the present report.

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